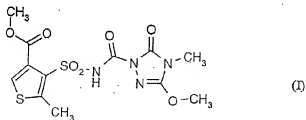


### *Amendments to the Claims*

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A method of selectively controlling weeds of the genus *Apera* in crops of useful plants by applying to said crops of useful plants ~~The use of the~~ compound 5-methoxy-4-methyl-2-[(4-methoxycarbonyl-2-methylthien-3-yl)sulfonylamino]carbonyl]-2,4-dihydro-3H-1,2,4-triazol-3-one of the formula (I)



~~and/or of the, salts of the compound of the formula (I), or mixtures thereof for~~  
selectively controlling weeds of the genus *Apera* in to said crops of useful plants.

2. (currently amended) A method of selectively controlling weeds of the genus *Apera* in crops of useful plants, which comprises applying to said crops of useful plants the compound of the formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 ~~and/or of the, salts of the~~ compound of the formula (I), or mixtures thereof together with surface-active agents, extenders or mixtures thereof, and/or customary extenders in crops of useful plants.